About This Role: Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University, is hiring a District Fire Management Officer to help KFS Fire Program meet the needs of fire departments and communities we serve by being the direct contact for the program to the fire departments and related organizations within their assigned district (Southeast district). They will help provide training, direct incident support, and have the opportunity to more effectively pursue relations with those we serve.

Why Join Us: Empowering fire departments to provide better service to Kansans through training, equipment, and incident, resource and financial assistance.

For 50 years the Kansas Forest Service, Fire Management Program has provided vehicles and equipment to fire departments to enhance their fire suppression capacity. Current programs are the Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP), Fire Fighter Property (FFP) and the Equipment Donation Program (EDP). While some restrictions apply, FFP allows the departments to eventually own the equipment and to utilize it for prescribed and controlled burning as well as other civil emergencies.

Education opportunities are available at no cost for fire prevention education, suppression and prescribe burning. Some classes for land managers and fire fighters are specifically for use within the state, others qualify one to participate in incidents at the Federal level through the Incident Qualification System (Red Card).

Financial assistance for the Kansas Forest Service fire program is principally provided by the State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance Programs of the USDA Forest Service’s State and Private Forestry Division. State fire assistance funds, or SFA, provides funding for KFS fire staff to deliver services to rural fire districts and the citizens of Kansas with services such as training, wildfire preparedness and planning, suppression and response, as well as prescribed fire management. Volunteer fire assistance funds are pass-through funds to cooperating fire districts for ancillary products such as communications equipment, protective gear, hand tools, water pumps, and related items. Coupled to the above is long range planning assistance for Districts desiring a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Fire Master Plan, or a Hazardous Fuel Assessment.

Incident support and resource management is made possible through funding from the Kansas Legislature. This allows KFS employees to be positioned through Kansas to respond when requested within 2 hours and enables KFS to pre-position wildland fire taskforces and assist local fire authorities with fire aviation.

This position is benefits eligible including health insurance, life insurance, retirement plans, tuition assistance, paid time off (holidays, vacation and sick leave). To learn more, visit: [http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits](http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits)

We Support Diversity and Inclusion: Kansas State University embraces diversity and promotes inclusion in every sector of the institution. The university actively seeks individuals whose commitments and contributions will advance the University's dedication to the [Principles of Community](http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits).
### What You’ll Need to Succeed:

**Minimum Requirements:**
- Minimum of five (5) years of wildland fire experience
- Experience working for or directly with both local fire departments, and state or federal wildland fire agencies

**Preferred Qualifications:**
- Bachelor’s degree in fire science, fire ecology, forestry, business management, or similar field
- Incident Commander Type 4 or higher, Prescribed Fire Burn Boss type 2. Higher qualifications are highly encouraged.

**Other Requirements:**
- Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment
- Ability to engage in firefighting duties, including meeting "arduous" fitness standards as identified by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.

### How to Apply:

Complete the application and submit the following documents:
1. Letter of application
2. Current resume
3. Academic transcripts (if applicable)
4. Name, address, and phone numbers of three (3) professional references

### Screening of Applications Begins:

Screening begins by October 9, 2020

### Salary Range/ Pay Rate:

$47,000 - $52,000

### Equal Employment Opportunity:

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans and actively seeks diversity among its employees.

### Background Screening Statement:

In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University will procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.